Statement III

Names, Location and area of Tiger Reserves in Madhya Pradesh

The details of the names, locations, area of Tiger Reserves in Madhya Pradesh are as follows.

S.No.	Name of Tiger Reserves	Location	Area in Sq. Km.
1.	Kanha	Mandia Balaghat	1945
2.	Pench	Seonal	758
3.	Bandhavagarh	Shahdol, Jabalpur	1162
4.	Bori Satpura	Hoshangabad	1486
5.	Panna	Panna, Chhatarpur	542

Foodgrains production

* 89. SHRIMATIVANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimate of total foodgrains production this year; and

(b) what was the figure of foodgrains production last year?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) According to the Fourth Advance Estimates as on 27.06.2002, the production of foodgrains during 2001 -02 is expected to be 211.32 million tonnes.

(b) The production of foodgrains during 2000-01 was estimated at 195.92 million tonnes.

Bifurcation of Eastern Railway Zone

* 90. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to bifurcate the Eastern Railway Zone;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the West Bengal Government has opposed this decision to form a New Zone by splitting the Eastern Railway Zone; and

(d) if so, the reasons for opposing the bifurcation of Eastern Railway Zone?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Territorial readjustments of not only Eastern Railway, but also all the other existing Zonal Railways, excepting Nortlveast Frontier Railway are being done, due to reorganisation of Indian Railways, so as to improve efficiency and provide relief to heavily worked Zones.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The reasons given by West Bengal Government, in opposing the decision, include certain apprehensions like reduced size and crippling of Eastern Railway, transfer of staff, operational disadvantages and state boundary considerations, which have been allayed through a suitable reply.

Rail accidents in States

†*91. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) which States witnessed the largest number of rail accidents during the last three years, giving the State-wise details thereof; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to check the same?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) The figures of accidents are not maintained State-wise. Zonal Railway-wise consequential train accidents during the last three years are given below:—

Railway	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002*
Central Railway	68	58	50
Eastern Railway	31	35	47
Northern Railway	80	66	79
North Eastern Railway	25	37	37
North-east Frontier Railway	76	95	58
Southern Railway	48	43	35
South Central Railway	49	48	36
South Eastern Railway	52	53	50
Western Railway	30	29	22
Konkan Railway Corporation	4	9	1
Metro Railway	—	_	—
Total	463	473	415*

* Figures are provisional.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.